

Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th September 2018 at 7pm in Birkhill Millennium Hall

Attendance: Alison French, Colin Hunter, Stuart Phillips, Doug Neilson, Ken Johnston, Vince Taylor, Cllr. Hands, Cllr. Whiteside, Community Police Officer Gail Beattie, the 2 Community Assistants and 4 members of the public

Apologies: Helen Haut

Minutes of Previous Meeting (July)

Approved - Colin Hunter

Seconded – Stuart Phillips

Police Report – No report circulated but Constable Gail Beattie provided an update. It has been a quiet summer with the only noticeable activity being thefts from the Co-op. Constable Beattie advised about the setting up of a Community Speed Watch to allow local volunteers to monitor speeding and will forward more details about how to set one up. **Action:** If there are sufficient volunteers then the new Community Council will follow this up.

Matters Arising:

- **Speeding:** A pop-up Jim (cardboard cut-out policeman has been bought by Angus and will be moved around the area to try to deter speeding. The speed signs will be moved every 3 months. They should have recorded speed information statistics. If these show an issue, a speed trap can be requested. Local residents have reported a speeding issue west bound on the Newtyle Road. **Action:** The Community Council will request one of the signs is moved there next (pointing East). Vince to ask for the calibration to be checked and the stats to see if speeding is a problem.
- **Communities Assistant**
2 people have been appointed on a job share basis (Evelyn Scanlan & Jenni Millar) with their main base being the Millennium Hall. The Steering Group will be under the auspices of the Community Council and report back to the Community Council on a quarterly basis.
- **Tree Felling Application:** Application received to fell trees at the Moors beside Blairfield Road, Birkhill. Forestry Commission would prefer this not to happen. **Action:** Stuart to respond to Forestry Commission to agree with their position, Vince to put information on Facebook.
- **Street Sweeping & winter services:** Street sweeper to be reassigned to Forfar from 1st April so street sweeping will be done twice a year for Muirhead, Birkhill & Newtyle. Angus Council reviewing the winter services policy, but winter maintenance will continue for a further year. **Action:** Letter to be written to Angus Council to query this
- **Charrette Report:** Any observations to be raised at the November meeting
- **Post Box Replacement:** Query over the post box in Post Box road. **Action:** Vince to follow up
- **GDPR:** No further update
- **Defibrillator:** Lundie & Fowlis – Community Council to pay for the boxes. **Action:** Colin to advise
- **Community Council Elections:** appeal for nominations

Correspondence:

1. Angus schools for the future – update (19/7/18)
2. Angus Coastal Festival (24/7/18)
3. Binn Solar PV Development plan (email from resident) – this application may go to the Scottish Government
4. Angus Care model (31/7/18)
5. Off street car parks variation order (1/8/18)
6. Baldragon Public Consultation event (2/8/18)
7. Speed limits variation order (8/8/18)
8. Scottish Fire & Rescue – Angus South Performance report (8/8/18)
9. Meeting with Angus Council & Community Councils – scheduled for 22/11/18

10. Gambling Act 2005 – Draft statement of principles (17/8/18)
11. NHS Tayside invitation – nominee required (22/8/18)
12. Communities team contact (28/8/18)
13. VAA bulletins, Angus Funding news & Whats New list

Planning applications:

1. 18/00372/lbc (03/07/2018) - Extension to conservatory at Dower House Liff
2. 18/00525/full (06/07/2018) - Construction of a garage extension at 5 Clayhills Gardens, Birkhill
3. 18/00530/full (23/07/2018) - Proposed fence to increase height of east boundary :- retrospective at 59 Sidlaw Gardens, Birkhill
4. 18/00540/full (25/07/2018) - Alterations & extension to dwelling house , change of use of land to garden ground and erection of swimming pool/summer house at 1 Osprey Road, Piperdam
5. 18/00581/full (24/07/2018) - Demolition of garage and erection of 12 flats at Muirhead Garage 4 Newtyle Road, Muirhead
6. Springfield pre application consultation process – drop in event 12th September

Finance: Updated at AGM.

Web site / Social Media: There are 574 likes on our Facebook page.

AOCB:

- Weeds in the drains at Birkhill Inn & Postbox Road. **Action:** Vince to contact Access Line or Douglas Hill
- Police Station sale – is there a note of community interest. **Action:** Evelyn to check

Ongoing Issues

- Henderson Park - Alison & Colin – ongoing.
- Osprey Road Adoption – the roads & pavements are now being maintained despite the formal process potentially taking up to a year.
- Piperdam water & drainage – low pressure still an issue as is the wastewater & pumping station
- Outdoor tables & benches.

Date of next meeting – Formation of new Community Council 11th October 2018 @ 7.30pm